

Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic (Recess Appointment). **Pages S6056, S6058**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

James T. Ryan, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S6057**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

James T. Ryan, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on July 22, 2011.

Terry D. Garcia, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on May 16, 2011. **Page S6058**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—155) **Pages S6034–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6057.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3074–3084; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 83 were introduced. **Page H6505**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6505–06**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2838, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–229);

H. Res. 418, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–230); and

H. Res. 419, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2681) to provide additional time for the

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2250) to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–231).

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H6470**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 2608, with the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention

of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment; that the Senate amendment be considered as read; that the motion be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion. **Page H6470**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Utah National Guard Readiness Act: H.R. 686, amended, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 742;

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Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011: H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 743;

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Clarifying the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir: H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir;

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Help to Access Land for the Education of Scouts: H.R. 473, amended, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America;

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Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011: H.R. 470, amended, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam;

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Conveying certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 744; and

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for an event to present the Congressional Gold Medal: S. Con. Res. 29, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for an event to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., Michael Collins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in recognition of their significant contributions to society.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a further correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608: Agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 83, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a further correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–58).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–59).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–60).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted letters exchanged between the United States and Korea relating to the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–61).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia’s 2012 Budget Request Act—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–62).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6485–86, H6486–87, H6487. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EPA REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011; AND CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 2, a modified open rule for H.R. 2681. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2681 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2681. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2681 recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2681. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 2681 that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record not later than the legislative day of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read if printed. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2681 with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for a modified open rule for H.R. 2250. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2250 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2250. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2250 recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2250. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 2250 that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record not later than the legislative day of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read if printed. Finally the

rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2250 with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from the following on H.R. 2250: Rep. Whitfield; Rep. Waxman; and Rep. Griffith of Virginia. Testimony was heard from the following on H.R. 2681: Rep. Whitfield; and Rep. Waxman.

TO EXTEND THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2832, to Extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair on the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard from Chairman Brady of Texas; and Rep. McDermott.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1025)

H.R. 2005, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–32)

H.R. 2017, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–33)

H.R. 2883, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–34)

H.R. 2943, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–35)